
WHITESTOWN METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



2019 YEAR END REPORT

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Dennis R Anderson - Chief Public Safety Officer

Clinton Bohm - President
Whitestown Town Council
Whitestown, Indiana

President Bohm;

Contained within the following pages is the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department 2019 Year End Report. I would like to note that the accomplishments of this department could not have been reached without the hard work of the men and women, both sworn and civilian who are at the core of the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department's day to day operations.

As this team continues to make personal sacrifices and show their dedication to the community we serve, members of the WMPD have consistently demonstrated that the quality of their training combined with active enforcement philosophies, produces measurable results in lowering the crime rate. This equates to a much safer community overall.

During 2019 the Public Safety Officer Program was credited with two (2) Life-Saving measures, proving once again the program's value to the Whitestown Community. The PSO program continues to expand as the agency added four (4) new Public Safety Officers during 2019. Of the current twenty-eight (28) rostered officers that make-up WMPD, twenty-six (26) are certified PSOs, with the plan in place to add four (4) additional PSO's in 2020.

The statistics contained within this report show that even as the community of Whitestown, Indiana continues to be the fastest growing for the past eight (8) years in a row now, this Community remains a very safe place to work, live and raise a family. The enormous list of agency accomplishments for 2019 is impressive to say the least, and this report will briefly detail some of them.

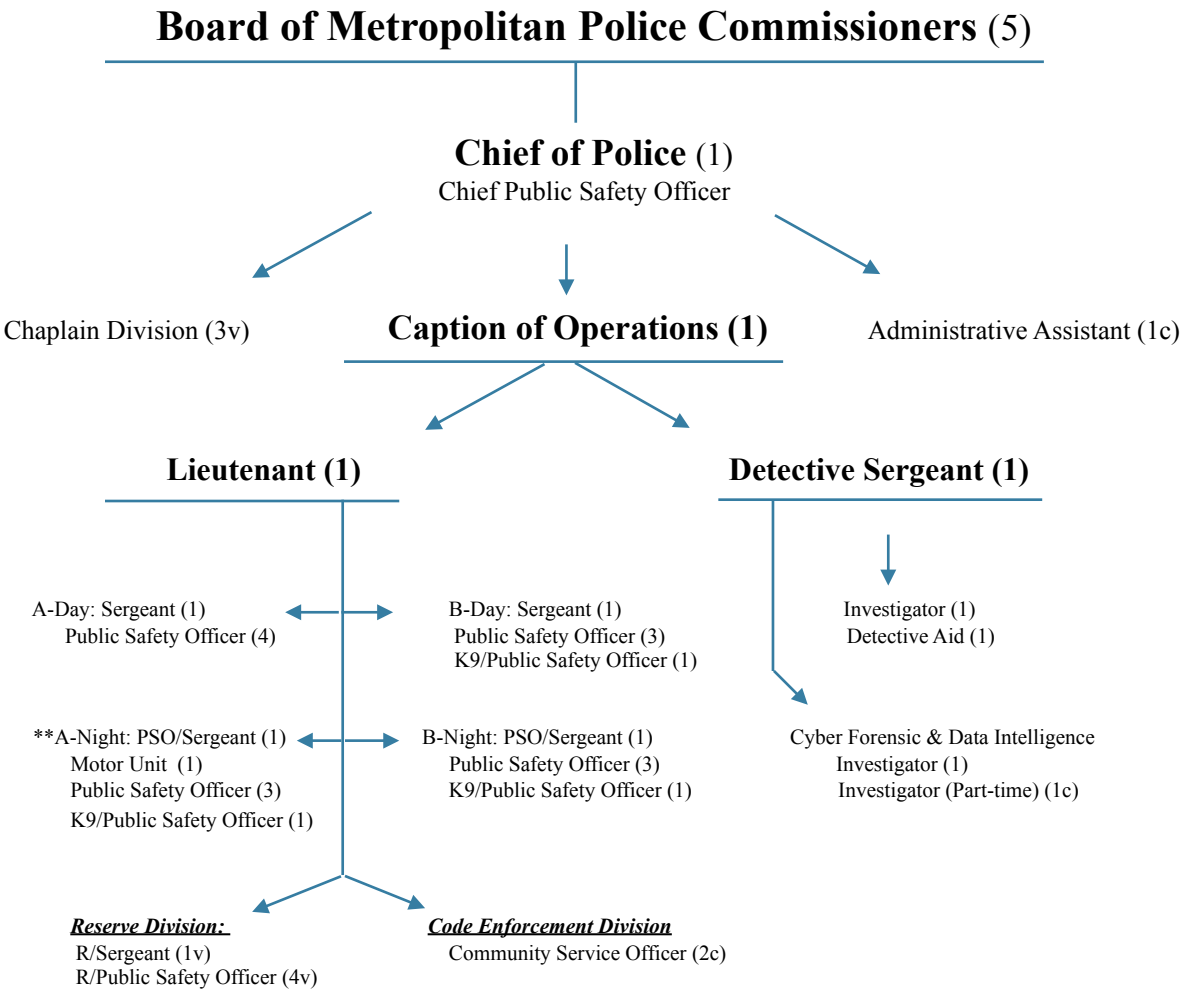
With the continued support of the Whitestown Town Council, the Board of Metropolitan Police Commission, as well as all the other town departments and employees, we look forward to making 2020 another very positive and safe year for the citizens of this great community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Anderson

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PUBLIC SAFETY MATRIX



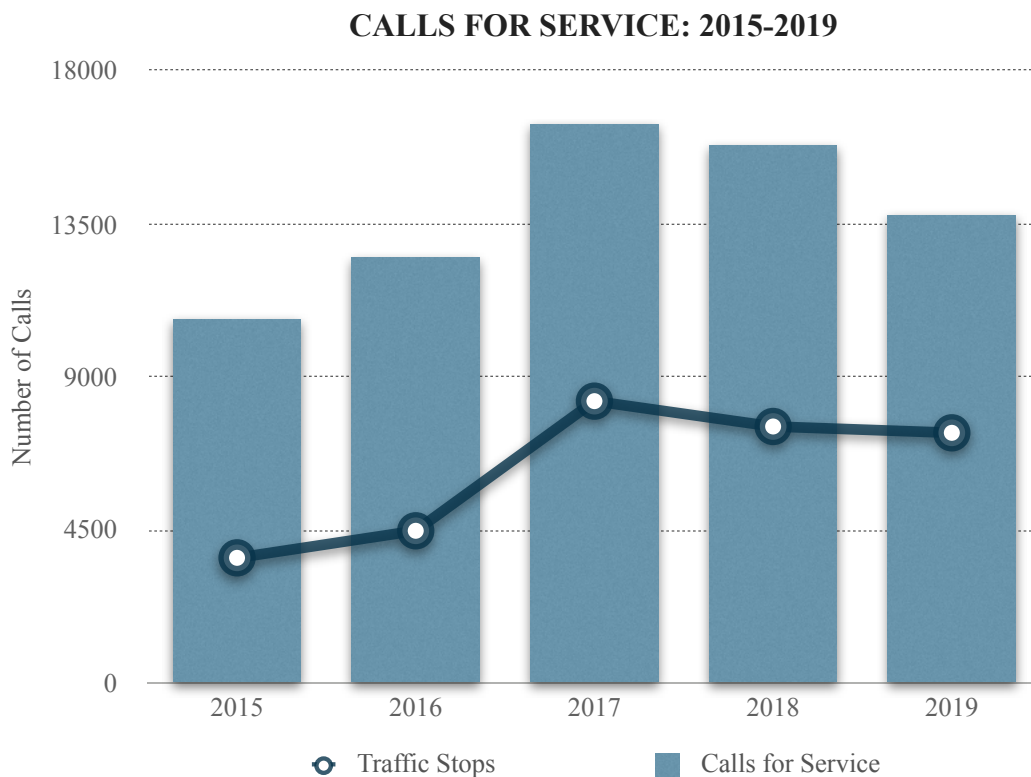
* Training Officer
(c) Civilian Position
** Public Information Officer
(v) Volunteer/Reserve

OPERATIONS/UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division of the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department carries a long and proud history of service to the citizens of Whitestown and surrounding area. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, under the guidance of Assistant Chief Scott Rolston the Operations Division strives to keep Whitestown a safe and vibrant Town.

The Uniform Division consists of two shifts that operate around the clock, with officers responding to all types of calls from the slightest to the most dangerous. WMPD Officers provide community services such as Emergency lockouts, stranded motorists, and funeral escorts. We steadily respond to domestic violence calls, suspicious persons, prowlers, burglary alarms, fights, traffic accidents, and numerous types of other calls for the police. In addition, our officers place their own personal safety at risk by responding to “high priority” calls such as warrants, vehicle pursuits, violent criminals, and drug related calls. The sheer nature of these types of calls make the situations unpredictable and at times, extremely dangerous.

Below is a graph of combined Calls for Service for both the Criminal Investigations Division and Uniformed officers.



ENFORCEMENT DIVISION: MOTOR UNIT

The department currently has four certified motorcycle enforcement officers. These officers are responsible for enforcing traffic laws, identifying high accident locations within the Town of Whitestown and working proactively to reduce accidents and traffic fatalities. These officers must pass an intensive 80-hour police motorcycle training course before they are allowed to participate in motor enforcement activities.

Additionally, motor officers are an important part of the Towns special events, due to their maneuverability in heavily congested areas. Motor officers also provide special event escorts and work special traffic direction details as needed.

All of our traffic officers have ancillary duties including training, investigations, administration and standard patrol duties. All officers work both day and night shifts.

In 2019, WMPD leased two 2019 Harley Davidson Road Kings for the Motor Unit. Typically, the motor units are **heavily utilized** from **May through September** and are sporadically used as weather permits outside of this time frame. The motor units conducted just **under 400 enforcement stops** from May to September on their new motor units.

MOTOR UNIT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	2018	2019
Traffic Enforcement	477	396

K-9 DIVISION

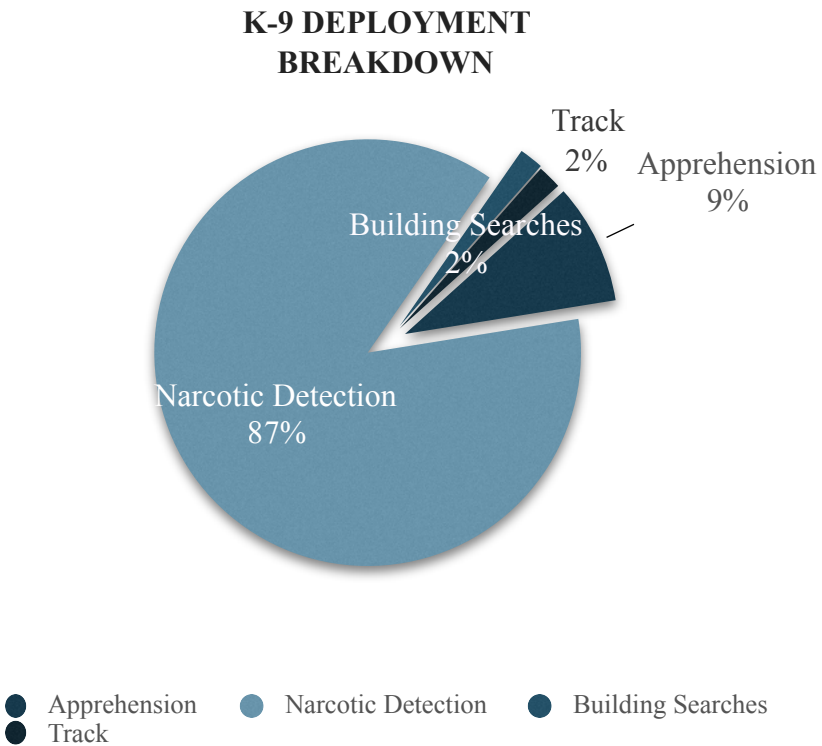
Canines are versatile tools that can be utilized in many aspects in law enforcement. Law enforcement agencies use canines to track missing persons, for bombs and narcotic detection, and for apprehension purposes.

In 2019, WMPD added a public relations K-9, Benny. K-9 Benny acts as a furry liaison between community members and police officers. K-9 Benny is routinely brought to community events and is a guest speaker at various community education events.

The K-9 Division was recently brought back in 2018 with the purchase of two canines: Shaggy and Igor. This two canines were fully integrated into the enforcement division once both canine and handlers successfully completed certified training. The year 2019 marked the canines first full year of service to the Whitestown community.

Shaggy and Igor are trained in apprehension, tracking, and narcotic detection. In 2019, the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department K-9 division was the most used county wide with over **200 deployments.**

Below is a breakdown of the various types of K-9 deployments.

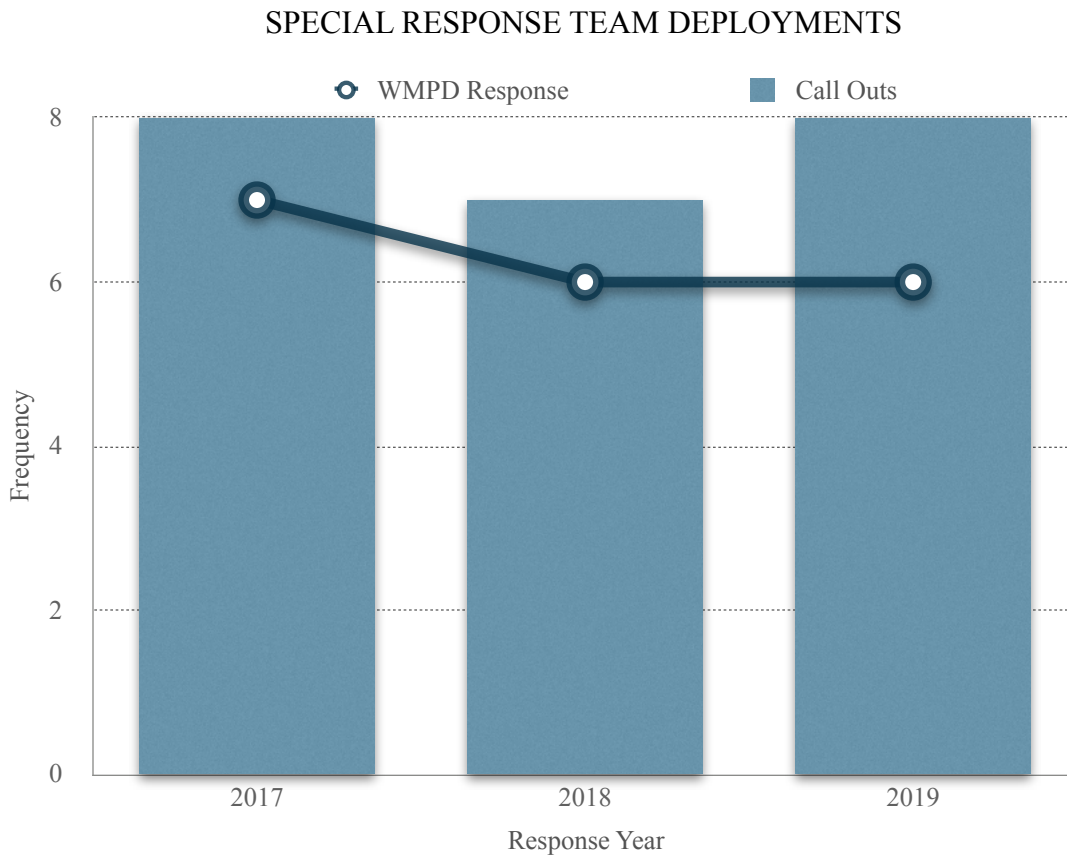


BOONE COUNTY SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The objective of the Boone County Special Response Team is to provide carefully selected, highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for all Boone County law enforcement agencies in responding to and managing critical incidents.

Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department added two members to the Boone County Special Response Team(SRT) in 2017 (PSO Blayne Root & PSO Sgt. Jacob King). Additionally, SRT drivers were added in 2018 (PSO Zack Thomas) and 2019 (PSO David Edwards).

Overall, SRT was deployed **26 times** since 2016. WMPD SRT representatives have deployed with SRT **19 times** between 2017 and 2019.

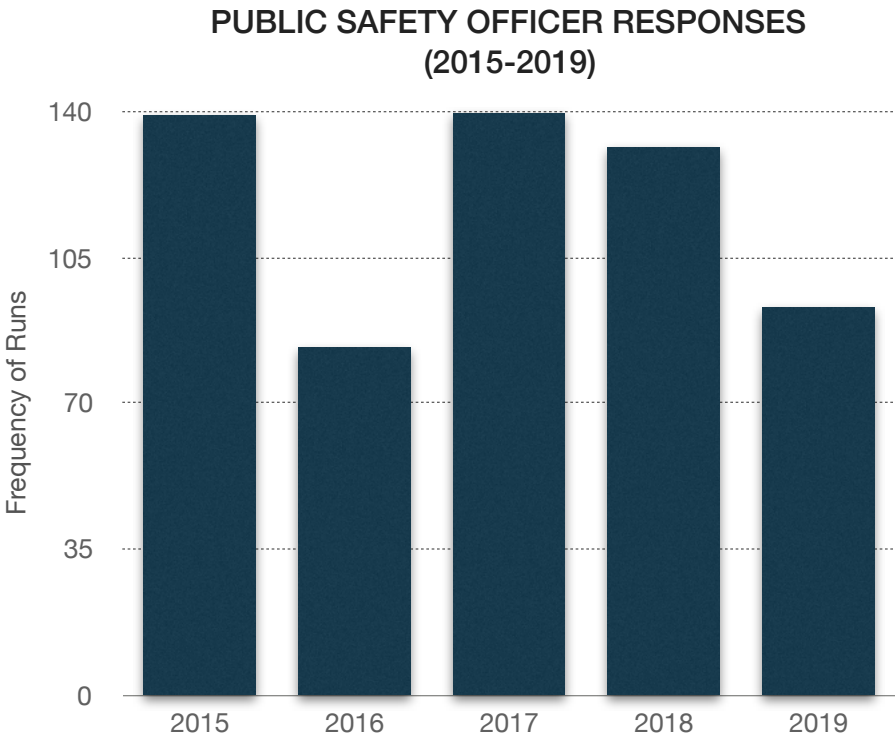


PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DIVISION

All of Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department PSO’s are trained to the level of Mandatory Firefighter and hold that State of Indiana certification as well as First Responder EMS protocol. Full-time PSO’s attend the Indiana 16-week Law Enforcement Academy. While Reserve PSO’s must complete a recognized 480 hour reserve basic police academy. PSO’s are encouraged to enhance their training to obtain both Fire Safety Officer & Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications.

Our PSO’s train regularly with the Whitestown Fire Department and perform many of the fire ground support service tasks freeing fire department personnel for suppression and rescue operations. In-service training is continually ongoing on both police, fire, and EMS education. Our PSO’s are very well equipped to handle their assigned tasks. PSO’s vehicles provide quick access to firefighter turnout gear, air-packs, rescue tools, EMS/trauma bags including airway management and each vehicle is AED equipped.

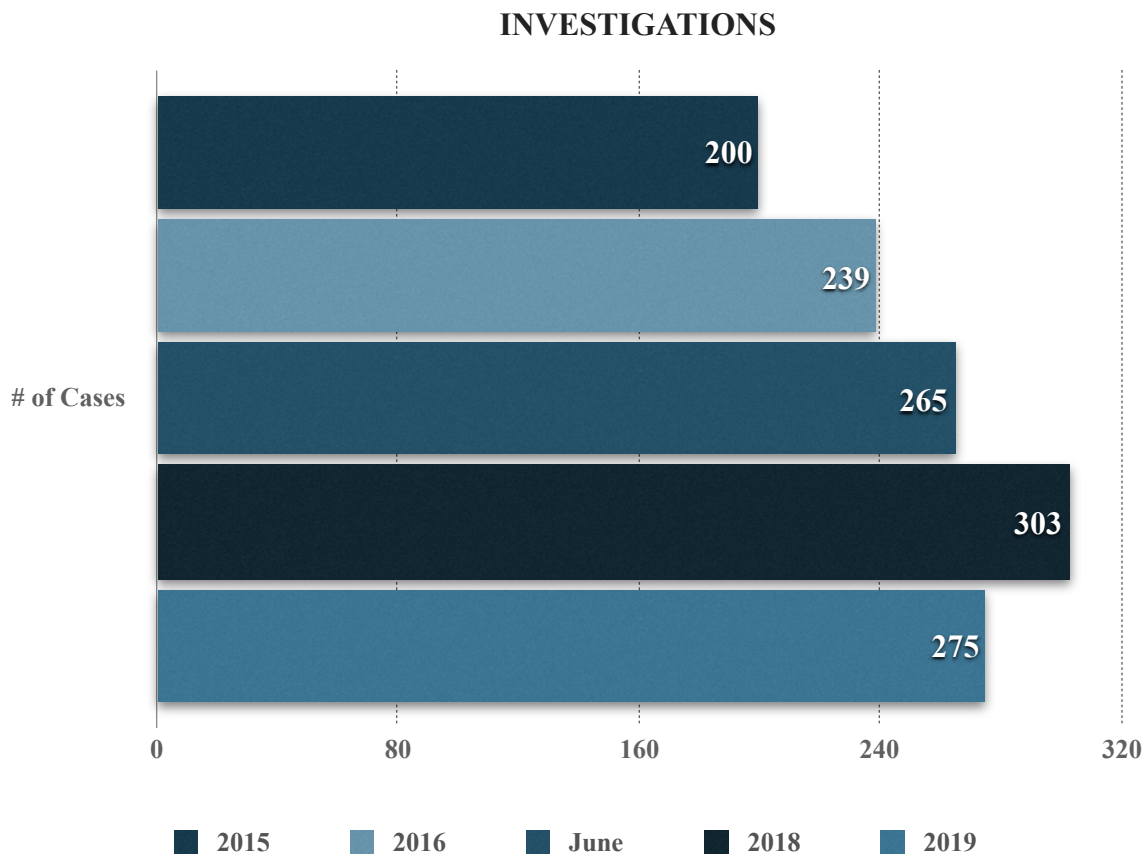
PSO P. Scott Klinger is also a paramedic. PSO P. Klinger’s patrol vehicle was outfitted with Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment in 2018. PSO P. Klinger has responded to over 40 PSO runs, providing advance life support care.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The mission of the Investigations Division is to provide to the community the protection of uncovering crimes before they are committed and to bring to justice those criminals who choose to commit crimes within our community. The Criminal Investigations Division is led by Sergeant Jacob King who oversees two other detectives. Investigations strives to achieve these goals and it would not be possible if it were not the result of a total community and law enforcement effort.

The main function is to investigate crime; ascertain suspects; and make the appropriate arrests. The length of these investigations may span several hours to several years in order to have sufficient evidence to make a lawful arrest.

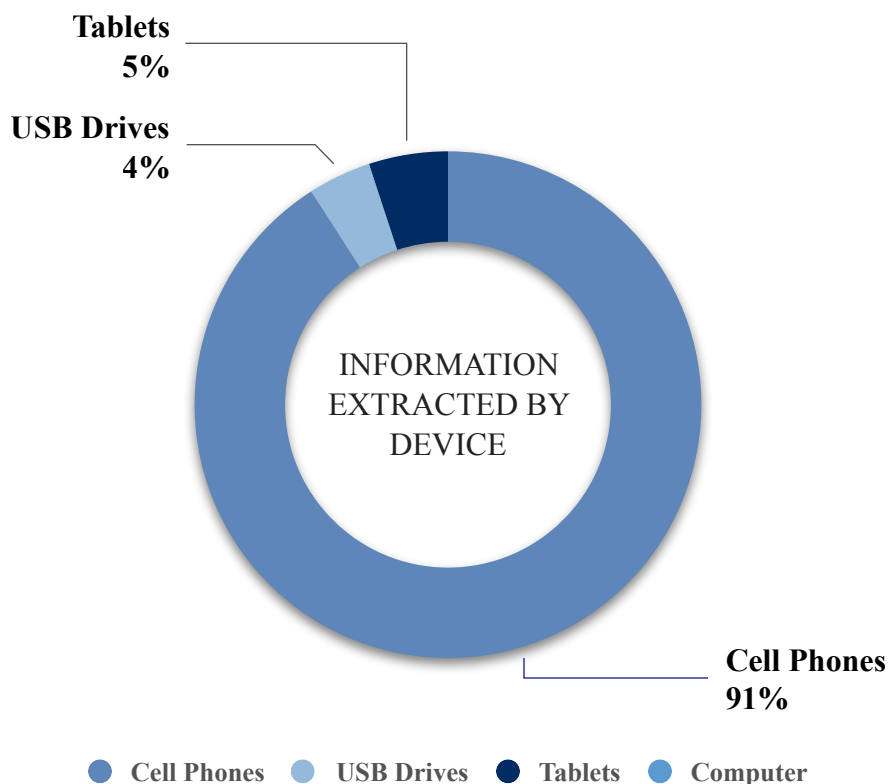


CYBER FORENSICS

The Cyber Forensic and Data Intelligence Unit, key objective is to focus its resources to work with local, state, and federal authorities. Central to this mission will be an enhanced emphasis on the disruption of human trafficking organizations, the identifying and uncovering of child predators, and individuals or organizations involved with child pornography through their sharing and coordinated activities. In addition, the Unit will work to uncover and identify suspects related to identity theft, both individual and commercial.

The Cyber Forensic Unit currently relies on a single detective and a civilian employee, retired Captain Ed Savage. In 2019, this Unit was utilized to recover information from **99 electronics**, with most of the electronics being cell phones. A break down information recovered by time of device is provided below.

In addition, the cyber forensic and data intelligence unit also assisted other Boone County agencies with data extractions. Approximately **half** of information extracted from devices was to assist other **Boone County law enforcement agencies**.



RESERVE DIVISION

The Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department Reserve Division is a volunteer entity within the WMPD that assists full-time police officers of the department in providing professional and efficient law enforcement services to the community.

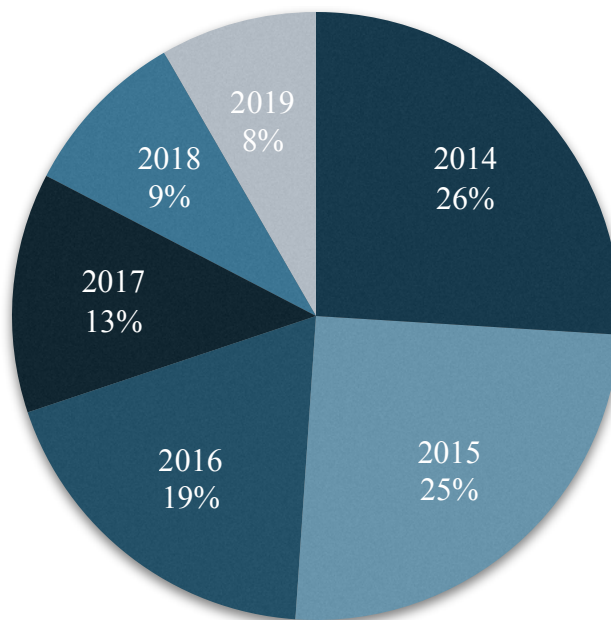
The position of a Whitestown Reserve Officer is a voluntary position, and officers are considered members of the WMPD. Reserve Police Officers are well trained in the same areas as full-time Merit Officers and are given the power of arrest after successfully completing a Reserve Law Enforcement Academy and supervised hands on training with an Field Training Officer (FTO).

The Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department currently provides the Town with four (4) Reserve Officers, although 15 are authorized.

The WMPD reserve division function as an extension of the Operations Division under the guidance and supervision of Assistant Chief Scott Rolston and liaison officer PSO Sergeant Kevin Allen.

During the year 2019, Reserve officers of Whitestown Police Reserve Division provided a total of **1,344 hours** of service to the community, providing police services, manpower for special events, call-outs, and shift coverage for Merit Officers who may be on vacation, attending specialized schools, or have family emergencies. The Whitestown Metropolitan Reserve Division provided an estimated **\$39,000** in police wages savings to this community in 2019.

**HOUR OF SERVICE TO COMMUNITY:
2014-2019**



TRAINING DIVISION

WMPD training divisions is under the supervision of Lieutenant Ryan Batts. The training divisions ultimate goal is to establish a better approach to training within the agency. Along with several other duties and responsibilities, the training division is tasked with maintaining a standardized law enforcement continual educational program that fits to the individuals officer's needs, as well as those of the departments. The training programs are created to encompass each individual officers training history and background, as well as what the agencies strengths and weaknesses are. Learning from experience, is the best way to establish a plan of action as to the growth and development of the individual officer's, as well as agencies ultimate goals of producing future supervisors, managers, and leaders.

While the state of Indiana along with federal regulations require minimum standards, WMPD goes above and beyond these training standards. WMPD officers are required to attend four, 8 hour quarterly trainings a year. In addition, individuals officers seek specialized training in various areas such as drug interdiction, advanced field sobriety techniques, leadership development, etc... WMPD takes pride in the continual education and training offered and sought out by our officers.

In 2019, WMPD had a total of **2,965** training hours completed. On **average each officer trained 98.8 hours** this year, which is way beyond the mandated 24 hour state minimum.

ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Continual in-service training and education was one of the main reasons that the training division of the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department was created and continues to be instrumental in the department's daily operations. The state of Indiana and the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board mandates a minimum of **24 hours** of continual education and in-service **per calendar year, per officer**. However, this does not mean that all officers in the state are trained the same way or to a certain level, it simply means that there is an hourly minimal requirement that must be met. More often than not, for most agencies, this mandated in-service training is basic at best and minimal is not only a description of the hours requires but also an accurate description of the quality and subject matter of the training provided. Below is a list of the state mandated in-service training topics.

- Mental Illness, Addiction & Disabilities IC 5-2-1-9(g)
- Autism, Alzheimer's, Dementia, Endangered IC 5-2-1-9(g)
- Adults & High Risk Missing Persons (including those under 21 years of age)
- Human Trafficking (8 areas) and IC 5-2-1-9(g) & IC 5-2-1-9(a)(10)
- Annual In-service Training Requirement IC 5-2-1-9(g): Presently 24 hours annually – must include 2 hours in Firearms*, 2 hours in Physical Tactics/Use of Force*** and 2 hours in Police Vehicle Operation.

Reserve Officers IC 5-2-1-9(g) & IC 36-8-3-20(1): Same in-service as required of regular police officers. (*Order of LETB 6/8/15*)

Under state/county/local continuing education laws:

- Domestic, Child Abuses, SIDS, CPR, Heimlich Maneuver, and others —State: IC 5-2-8-5(e)(1-17); County: IC 5-2-8-1(h)(1-19); Local: IC 5-2-8-2(f)(1-18)

***Departments should be prepared to show that officers are competent in these areas although these do not necessarily require annual training.*

Federal:

- NIMS (DHS, required for DHS grants)
- Bloodborne Pathogens (EPA, 29 CFR 1910.1030)
- Hazardous Materials (EPA & OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.120)
- Familiarization with Reflective Clothing Rule (DOT 23, CFR 634)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

At one time, Public Relations were focused on answering questions from the media. Today Public Relations is much more. Not only coordinating community events for the department, but also making sure our citizens are educated about the quality and kinds of services we provide. The goal and mission of the Public Information Officer is to utilize local media, written, and social media to establish trust and transparency with the community by providing public service announcements, public safety information, traffic announcements, information on major incidents and cases as well as examples of WMPD's service in the community.

Our Public Relations for 2019 was another year of growth in our attempt to increasingly provide and participate in community related events. Sergeant and Public Information Officer (PIO) John Jurkash has played an integral role in the communication of these events utilizing a variety of mediums: social media, press releases, and interviews.

2019 Public Relations Accomplishments

- National Night Out
 - Meet the Chief Events
 - "Bide with a COP"
 - Special Olympics Fundraiser
 - Coffee with a cop.
 - Created and published Behind the Badge Series.
 - 16 press releases related to major county incidents.
 - Public Education: Cub scouts and Eagle church
 - WMPD recruiting video
 - WMPD recruitment and selection fairs
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2019 DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department Chaplain's provide a ministry presence, counseling, and emotional support to members of the Department, their families, and members of the public during times of personal, family, or community crisis or sorrow.

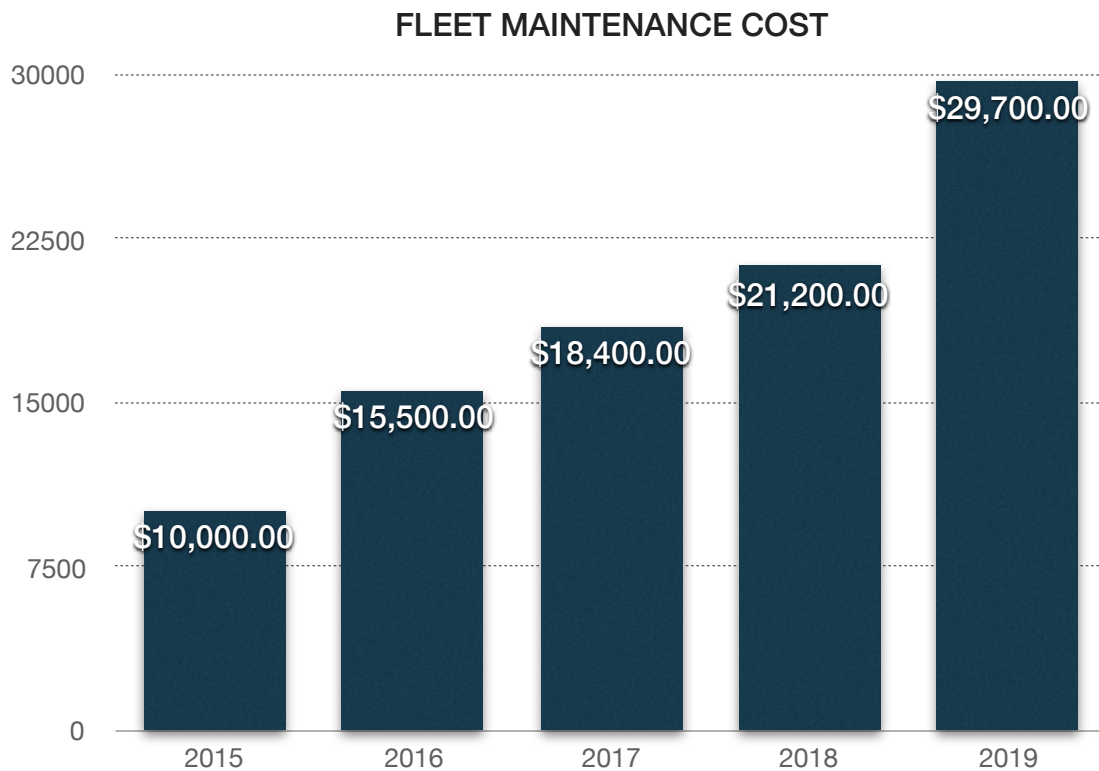
The Chaplain's division added Chaplain Mark Robinson in April of 2019. Chaplain Robinson personal goal as a Chaplain is to focus on the mental health and well-being and their families. Chaplain Robinson has embedded this focus by creating "Chaplain Gatherings." The goal of these gathering has been to provide patrol officers a safe space to relax and enjoy a good meal and conversation. This program is still early in its development, but is already impacting **90% of patrol officers.**

Chaplain Ricky Kinartail joined the Chaplain's division in 2018. Chaplain Kinartail believes his personal mission in the Chaplain position is to bring restoration after devastation through motivation. To ensure positive mental, spiritual, and physical health, Chaplain Kinartail implemented daily devotion program. In this program, Kinartail sends out a daily motivational and inspirational videos to WMPD staff to facilitate positivity in all aspects of their lives.

Chaplain Wayne Brown joined the Chaplain's division in March of 2018. Chaplain Brown has a MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. Chaplain Brown spent 2019 getting to know the police officers by conducting "ride-alongs" with officers. In addition, Chaplain Brown conducted officer training to educated WMPD's officers on the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of a law enforcement Chaplain division.

2019 POLICE FLEET MAINTENANCE

The Towns two fleet technicians continue to provide preventative maintenance to all police vehicles. Police fleet consist of (40) Police Vehicles, (4) Police motorcycles, and (1) Ranger. Preventative maintenance is defined as oil changes, oil/fuel filters, brakes pads & rotor service, minor tune ups, tire rotations, wiper blades and installation and repair of emergency equipment.



2019 POLICE FLEET FUEL EXPENSES

Fuel consumption has continued to go up with the addition of new officers. In 2019, the average fuel cost per gallon of gas was \$2.486 (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2020).

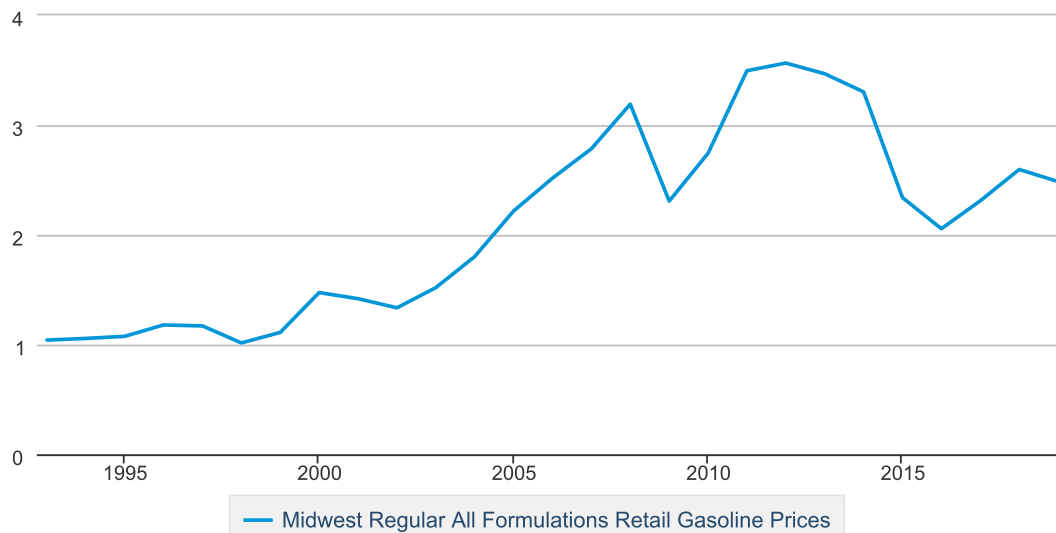
Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department has continued to expand and grow with the community. An increase in staff along with the varies gas prices can partially account for the increase fuel expenses.

POLICE FLEET FUEL EXPENSES

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fuel Cost	64,488.83	~55,000	94,128.63	118,312.71	115,466.78
Avg. Cost per Gal.	\$2.339	\$2.056	\$2.311	\$2.596	\$2.486
Number of Officers	11	12	20	22	25

Midwest Regular All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices

Dollars per Gallon



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

THE POLICE CHIEF'S CLOSING REMARKS

From the desk of the Chief,

2019 started very similar to that of the way 2018 ended, by focusing on staff development. During 2019 each member of WMPD's Administrative Staff and all Shift Supervisors, Field Training Officers and Instructors attended "Staff Development and Leadership Training", additionally, all members underwent de-escalation training during the year.

Two of our Public Safety Officers completed and are now certified as Police Motorcycle Officers. With that, PSO. Elizabeth Campbell become the first female police motor officer in the history of Boone County. She and PSO. Derrick Deeter now patrol our community riding new 2019 Harley Davidson Police, Road King motorcycles.

The WMPD Bike Officers, lead by PSO-P. Scott Klinger held six (6) separate "Ride with a COP" events throughout the summer, both within the housing additions and on the Big 4 Trail. Both Kids & Adults alike had the opportunity to ride with our officers and learning about bicycle and personal safety during these events.

The agency took delivery of six (6) new fleet vehicles in 2019, (4) Chevrolet Tahoe Police Package Vehicles and (2) Chevrolet Silverado Pickup's for the Community Service Officers. The addition of these new vehicles continues the lease/purchase program started back in 2010 and has and will continue to provide our officers with newer equipment reducing the costly off warranty repairs.

I would like to take a moment and recognize all the members of the WMPD Reserve Division. Sergeant Kevin Allen serves as the liaison to the Reserve Division. This group of capable, qualified, and enthusiastic R/PSO's log many hours of service for the Town each year, saving thousands of taxpayer funds in the process. Without the hard work and dedication to duty of these brave men and woman volunteers, the mission of the department would have been far more difficult to accomplish.

I would also like to recognize the 2019 "WMPD *Officer of the Year*". PSO. Timothy "Zack" Thomas was officially recognized at the WMPD Annual Awards Banquet held on Friday, January 17, 2020.

As an agency are also proud to report that WMPD finished this budget year with more than a 28% budget surplus being returned for use in finishing and furnishing the new police headquarters building set to open mid-summer of 2020. It is with great pride that I serve alongside the men and women who make up the Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department. Working together as a team, we are pleased to be able to submit this year-end report for your review.

Dennis R. Anderson
Chief Public Safety Officer
